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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	BLACH ET AL.	Examiner:	G. DAWSON
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Title:	NASAL SUPPORT DEVICE FOR DOMESTIC MAMMALS AND METHOD		

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Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the final Office Action dated April 23, 2002. In view of the following amendments and response, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 34-36 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 17, 23, 27, and 28 as follows:

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*Sub 9/27*
17. (Amended) A support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage of a horse, said device comprising:  
a first side piece for applying over said first nasal passage, the first side piece having a plurality of spaced-apart first detachable contact locations;

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